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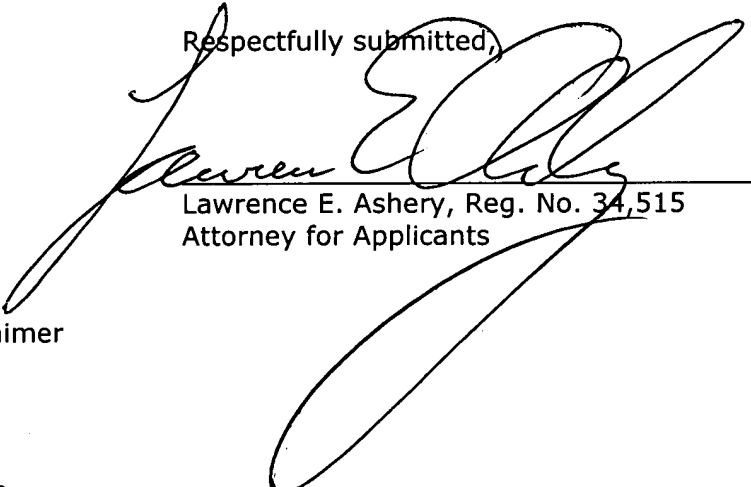
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**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1, 5, 18 and 21 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,222,323. In response, a Terminal Disclaimer is attached. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

This application is now in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Attachment: Terminal Disclaimer

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